

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR**

Counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders.

**OES - SOC Code: 21-1011**

### **Fees:**

Application Fee	\$75.00
Renewal Fee	\$65.00
Renewal Date, May 31 <sup>st</sup> odd years.	
Number of Utah Licensee's	303
Utah Statute/Rule	<b>58-60, R156-60, R156-60d.</b>

### **Requirements:**

1. A major in alcohol and other drug abuse counseling.
2. A minimum of 300 clock hours of supervised field work practice.
3. Any baccalaureate or graduate degree in a behavior science field will satisfy the educational requirement.
4. The 300 hours of addiction counseling specific training set forth in Subsection 58-60-506(1)(d)(ii)(B) is defined as formal classroom education emphasizing alcohol and other drug addictions related to the practice of substance abuse counseling consisting of a minimum of 18 hours in professional ethics and responsibilities, and a minimum of ten clock hours of training in each of the areas of practice as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(6)(a).

The 4,000 hours of supervised qualifying experience shall:

5. Be 4,000 clock hours of experience providing substance abuse counseling services as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(6), consist of a minimum of 300 clock hours of addiction counseling specific training in a formal classroom education setting, emphasizing alcohol and other drug addictions related to the practice of substance abuse counseling, completed at the beginning of the supervised experience period.
6. Be supervised at a ratio of one hour of face-to-face direct supervision for every 20 hours of substance abuse counseling services provided by a supervisor who shall be licensed as either a substance abuse counselor or a mental health therapist, possess a certified clinical supervisor (CCS) credential, or have completed a minimum of 10,000 hours of experience in substance abuse, or if the supervised experience is completed on or after July 1, 2000, then the supervisor must possess a CCS credential or have completed at least 4,000 hours of licensed experience providing substance abuse counseling services.
7. Be completed only when a licensed substance abuse counselor or mental health therapist is at the site where the supervised experience is occurring.

In accordance with Subsection 58-60-506(1)(d)(ii)(C), the supervised experience shall:

8. Be 6,000 clock hours of experience providing substance abuse counseling services as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(6), be completed in an approved agency as

- defined in Subsection 58-60-502(1).
9. Be supervised at a ratio of one hour of face-to-face direct supervision for every 20 hours of substance abuse counseling services provided by a supervisor who shall be licensed as either a substance abuse counselor or a mental health therapist, possess a certified clinical supervisor (CCS) credential, or have completed a minimum of 10,000 hours of experience in substance abuse, or if the supervised experience is completed on or after July 1, 2000, then the supervisor must possess a CCS credential or have completed at least 4,000 hours of licensed experience providing substance abuse counseling services.
  10. Be completed only when a licensed substance abuse counselor or mental health therapist is at the site where the supervised experience is occurring, and include a 300 clock hour supervised practice experience which focuses on skill development and integration of knowledge and shall: be completed in an approved agency as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(1).
  11. Be supervised at a ratio of one hour of face-to-face direct supervision for every ten hours of substance abuse counseling services provided by a supervisor who shall: be licensed as either a substance abuse counselor or a mental health therapist.
  12. Possess a certified clinical supervisor (CCS) credential, or have completed a minimum of 10,000 hours of experience in substance abuse, or if the supervised experience is completed on or after July 1, 2000, then the supervisor must possess a CCS credential or have completed at least 4,000 hours of licensed experience providing substance abuse counseling services. Consist of a minimum of ten clock hours of experience in each of the area of practice as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(6)(a), and be completed only when a licensed substance abuse counselor or mental health therapist is at the site where the supervised experience is occurring.
  13. The written International Certification Examination for Alcohol and Drug Counselors of the ICRC/AODA, Inc., with a minimum criterion score as set by ICRC/AODA, Inc; or current certification by the ICRC/AODA, Inc. as an international certified alcohol and drug counselor (ICADC), if applying for license prior to July 1, 1998.

**Regulatory Agency:**

Department of Commerce  
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**Professional Associations & Organizations:**

Utah Association of Alcohol &  
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